

Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL £500,000.

LONDON:
Head Office, 40, Threadneedle Street.
West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.
BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,
Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,
ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for
COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and
Agency Business generally, on terms to be had
on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
" 6 " 3 " " "
" 3 " 2 " " "
ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS
2 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager. [10]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000
Head Office:—Hongkong.

Court of Directors.
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman.
Chen Kit Shan, Esq.,
C. J. Hirst, Esq.,
A. B. McKean, Acting Chief Manager.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN LONDON:
THOMAS CARMICHAEL, Esq.—Messrs. Dent,
Palmer & Co.
JOHN BUTTURY, Esq.—Messrs. John Buttery &
Co.
C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Esq., M.P., for Hants.
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Manager.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SHANGHAI:
Hsu Yu Yuen, Esq.,
Ma Kie Tong, Esq.,
Tong Kwei Sung, Esq.,
J. D. THORNTON, Manager pro. tem.

THE Head Office now receives Money on
deposit and makes advances on Goods in
neutral Currencies, and upon other securities, on
terms to be had on application.
Hongkong, 27th August, 1891. [1166]

Insurances.

£1,000 STG. Payable at Age 55, or
at death if previous—may be secured by
a payment at the rate of—

£	7	6	(per quarter if commenced at age)
7	14	2	20
8	14	2	25
9	14	2	30
10	14	2	35
11	14	2	40
12	14	2	45
13	14	2	50
14	14	2	55
15	14	2	60
16	14	2	65
17	14	2	70
18	14	2	75
19	14	2	80
20	14	2	85
21	14	2	90
22	14	2	95
23	14	2	100

AFTER the Policy has been three years in
force—the Policy-holder will be entitled to
receive on application a Free Paid-up Policy
for proportionate amount of the Sum Assured,
as explained in Prospectus, should he wish to
discontinue payment of premiums.

DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong.
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY IN LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, are pre-
pared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE and
LIFE at Current Rates.
REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co.,
Hongkong, 1st July, 1890. [66]

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAILS 600,000. \$553,333-33.
EQUAL TO RESERVE FUND \$318,000-00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SHING, Esq.,
LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.,
MANAGER.—HO ANEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES in all parts of the
world.
HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRINCE STREET,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [1116]

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1891. [1116]

Hotels.

THE SHAMEEN HOTEL.

BRITISH CONCEPTION CANTON.
THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably
situated within a few minutes walk of the
River Steamer Wharves, is now open to receive
Visitors.

The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably
furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Sitting
Rooms, and accommodation generally, will be
found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.
The Table d'Hôte is supplied with every
luxury in season, and the cuisine is in expert
hands only.

WINE, SPIRITS, MALT LIQUORS, &c., of the best
quality only.
A WELL APPOINTED BILLIARD ROOM.
A. F. DE ROZARIO,
Manager.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1891. [1116]

Intimations.

BOARD AND LODGING.

VACANCIES for GENTLEMEN
BOARDERS, at 79, Wyndham Street.
Apply to
MRS. SWANSTON.
Hongkong, 10th September, 1891. [1209]

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES
ORDINANCE of 1865,
AND
IN THE MATTER OF A. G. GORDON &
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the CRE-
DITORS of the above-named Company
are required, on or before the 4th day of OCTO-
BER, 1891, to send their names and addresses,
and the particulars of their Debts or Claims
and the names and addresses of their Solicitors
if any, to the Undersigned ALEXANDER
GRANT GORDON, of Victoria, in the Colony
of Hongkong, the Liquidator of the said Com-
pany, and if so required by notice in writing by
the Liquidator, are by their Solicitors to come
in and prove their said Debts or Claims at such
time, and place as shall be specified, in such
notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded
from the benefit of any distribution made before
such Debts are proved.
Dated the 24th day of August, 1891.
A. G. GORDON,
Liquidator. [143]

THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY MEETING of SHARE-
HOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs.
Gibb, Livingston & Co., No. 6, Ice House Lane,
on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at 12.30 p.m.,
for the purpose of confirming the Resolutions
passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting
held on the 10th inst., viz:—
1.—That the Company be wound up
voluntarily and that John Wheeler of Hong-
kong be and he is hereby appointed Liquid-
ator for the purposes of such winding up.
2.—That the draft Agreement submitted to
this Meeting and expressed to be made
between this Company and its Liquidator of the
one part, and the Hongkong Borneo
Company, Ltd., of the other part, be and the
same is hereby approved, and that the said
Liquidator be and he is hereby authorized to
enter into an Agreement with such New
Company (when incorporated) in the terms
of the said draft, and to carry the same into
effect.

On the above Resolutions being passed the
proceedings as to the winding up of the Com-
pany, and the powers conferred on the Li-
quidator will be proceeded with and exercised under
the provisions of Section CXIX of Ordinance
No. 1 of 1865 of the Ordinances of Hongkong.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th September, 1891. [1213]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

THE Ordinary General MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-
pany will be held at the Company's Offices, on
SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at 11.30 a.m.,
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the
General Managers, together with a Statement of
Accounts to 30th June, 1891.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 26th
September, both days inclusive.
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th September, 1891. [1225]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

AT an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the HONGKONG
JOCKEY CLUB, held in the City Hall on
Friday, the 17th September instant, the following
Special Resolution was submitted to the Mem-
bers of the Hongkong Jockey Club and passed
unanimously:—
"That Mr. ROBERT FRASER-SMITH shall be
expelled from the Hongkong Jockey Club
under Rule 40."

An EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of the HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB to
confirm the above Special Resolution will be
held in the City Hall on SATURDAY, the 26th
September instant, at 4 P.M.
By Order of the Stewards,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 12th September, 1891. [1218]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

DURING this and next month members are
recommended to practise at the 200, 300
and 400 yards ranges—Blaisey rifle and 7
rounds and one sighting shot at each distance.
It is desired that all scores made be sent in to
the Secretary. A prize will be given to the
competitor of the highest aggregate of not less
than 5 prizes.

J. ANDERSON,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 6th August, 1891. [165]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

TO AERATED WATER MANUFAC- Turers and Others.

NOTICE is hereby given that all AERATED
WATER BOTTLES and SYPHONS
bearing the Company's Name and Trade Mark
are its property solely, and that any Manufac-
turer using the same or any Person or Persons
other than the Customers of the Firm found in
possession of the same will be proceeded against
as the law directs.

A. H. MANCILL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 18th August, 1891. [1222]

NOTICE.

GRANVILLE'S PHOTOGRAPHIC ROOMS
No. 1, Ice House Lane, are suitably lighted to
produce all styles of Portraits in any weather.
CABINETS from 6s. down.
CARTE DE VISITE from 2s. 6d. down.
LIFE SIZED BUSTS in Colour, or Black &
White.
IVORY MINIATURES, &c., &c.
NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG, and the
Cape Point are always ready.
Hongkong, 25th September, 1891. [118]

Intimations.

CARMICHAEL & Co., LD.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS,
GENERAL STOREKEEPERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.

SCIENTIFIC BOOKS.—NAUTICAL, ENGINEERING, and ELECTRICAL.
OUTFITTING.—A select, but inexpensive Stock.
SMOKERS' REQUISITES in great variety.
AUSTRALIAN, NEW ZEALAND and CANADIAN DAIRY PRODUCE.

CARMICHAEL & CO. LTD.
18, Praya Central, Hongkong. [1168]

ROBERT LANG & CO.

NEW HATS.
BLACK, GREY AND BROWN FELTS
SINGLE TERAH HATS
(ALL SHADES).
STRAW AND PITH HATS.
Hongkong, 5th June, 1891. [1136]

MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & CO.

(From 7, Broadwood & Sons and Collard & Collard).
THE PIANO, ORGAN AND MUSIC WAREHOUSE,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
and at London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.

PIANOS SPECIALLY MADE FOR THIS CLIMATE AND GUARANTEED.
MONTHLY PAYMENTS OR HIRE.
TUNING—REPAIRS.
Instruments made equal to new. Large experience, all Machinery, trained men and Work guaranteed.

OLD PIANOS TAKEN IN EXCHANGE.
16 YEARS extensive experience in China, and the only firm of trained and practical people
devoting themselves entirely to the Music and Musical Instrument Trade. [786]

*CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.,

FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
AND
Commission Agents.

JUST LANDED A FRESH LOT OF TOBACCOES.
"OLD RIP,"
"RICHMOND GEM,"
"OUR BOYS,"
"VERGINIA FLAKE,"
"CARTE BLANCHE,"
"POSTILLION CAVENDISH,"
"WILL'S BIRD'S EYE,"
"THREE CASTLES,"
"GOLDEN CLOUD."

CIGARS.
Compagnie de General's most popular brands, in good condition always in stock.
Hongkong, 11th August, 1891. [17]

W. BREWER

JUST RECEIVED
GENT'S RUSSIAN LEATHER BOOTS, in all sizes.
GENT'S RUSSIAN LEATHER SHOES.
SOLID SOLED TENNIS SHOES.
MOROCCO LEATHER SLIPPERS.
DANCING PUMPS, New Style with Silk tops.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.
Hongkong, 15th September, 1891. [159]

SHOOTING SEASON, 1891.

FOR SALE.
ELEY'S GREEN BLUE and BROWN CARTRIDGE CASES.
ELEY'S NEW DAMP-PROOF PIGON and WILKS ALLIANCE POWDER.
FELT, CLOTH and GRASE-PROOF WADS.
NEWCASTLE CHILLED and ORDINARY SHOT.
GUN IMPLEMENTS and SPORTING SUNDRIES.
SPORTING CARTRIDGES, loaded to order.

DOUBLE BARRELLED FOWLING PIECES.
MARTINI-HENRI RIFLES, WINCHESTER REPEATING CARBINES.
SMITH & WESSON'S REVOLVERS.
SHOOTING SUITS, STOCKINGS, HATS, BOOTS, &c.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, 10th August, 1891. [39]

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL AND NAUTICAL BOOKS.

REED'S ENGINEER'S GUIDE.
Hutton's Practical Engineer's Guide.
Winson's Modern Steam Practice and Engineer-
ing.
Popcock's Model Engine Making.
Hime's Iron and Steel Manufacture.
Wyle's Iron and Steel Founding.
Slings and Brooker's Electrical Engineering.
Gray's Absolute Measurement of Electricity and
Magnetism.
Hospitalier's Electrical Pocket Book.
Bottone's Electrical Instrument Making for
Amateurs.
Moncell on Electro-Magnets.
Bale's Handbook for Steam Users.
Sprenton's Practical Treatise on Casting and
Founding.
Thompson's Dynamo Electric Machinery.
Sutton's Manual of Marine Engineering.
Kemp's Handbook of Electrical Testing.
Macrow's Shipbuilder's Pocket Book.
Jamison's Test Book of the Steam Engine.
Traill on Steam Boilers.
Thurston's Iron and Steel Shipbuilding.
Instructions for Measuring Surveyors.

Dr. Dobrick's Law of Storms in the Eastern
Sea.
Major General Palmer on Typhoons.
Norrie's Epitome of Navigation.
Inman's Nautical Tables.
Pasch's Illustrated Marine Encyclopedia.
Lecy's Wrinkles in Navigation.
Raper's Navigation.
Bedford's Sailor's Pocket Book.
Clarke's (J. Ambrose) The New Navigation.
Davis's Admiralty Tables.
Burwood's do.
Lee's Laws of Shipping and Insurance.
Goodfellow's Cargo Measurement.
Bergsen's Navigation.
International Code of Signals.
Book of Flags, House Flags and Funnels.
Morris's Elementary Navigation.
Lecy's The Danger Angle.
Engineers Extra First Class Examination.
Bergsen's Seamanship.
Donaldson's Drawing and Rough Sketching for
Marine Engineers.
Pasch's From Keel to Truck.
Brassie's Naval Annual.

GORDON & Co.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 7th September, 1891. [1202]

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

I HAVE THIS Day commenced Business as
MERCHANT, GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,
and AUCTIONEER, under the Style of GORDON
& Co.

A. G. GORDON.
Hongkong, 21st August, 1891. [1137]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE
AGENTS for Hongkong and China for the
KINNEY BROS. New York branch of the
American Tobacco (Trust) Company's well
known brands of "SWEET CAPORAL,"
"STRAIGHT CUT," "FULL DRESS," &c.,
&c., CIGARETTES and TOBACCOES.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, 17th July, 1891. [1093]

W. S. MARTEN

ARTISTIC DECORATOR,
DUDELL STREET,
HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1891. [118]

W. POWELL & CO.

ALL NEW GOODS.
ALL NEW GOODS.
NOW ON VIEW.
W. POWELL & CO.
Hongkong, 12th September, 1891. [6]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction, on
MONDAY,
the 21st, and on 22nd and 23rd September, 1891,
commencing each day at 2.30 p.m.,
at Messrs. A. G. GORDON & Co., LD.,
BOWRINGTON FOUNDRY,
East Point.

THE FOLLOWING MACHINERY, PLANT,
AND
STOCK-IN-TRADE:—

Lathes, Drilling Machines, Planing and Shap-
ing Machines, Johnstones' and Stevens'
Emery Wheel Machines, Punching and
Shearing Machines, Plate Binding Rolls,
Screwing Machines, with Taps and Dies,
Charcoal and Coal Dust Machines, Turned
Shafts, Pulleys, Brackets, and Bearings,
One Marine Engine 7" by 13" by 9" Stroke,
Complete.
One Marine Engine partly finished.
" 1" by 10" by 12" Stroke
with piping, cocks, valves, shafting, &c.,
complete. Boilers for driving same com-
plete with all necessary mountings.
One Tandem Engine Single Crank, 5" by 12"
by 9" Stroke.
One Horizontal Engine for driving Machines
with Boiler Complete.
Moulds Metal Rats, Solid Drawn Copper Piping,
Lead Piping, Bellows, Slays, Tubes
India Rubber, Abrasive Sheets (assorted
sizes), Steel Bars of assorted sizes, Files,
Galvanized Rope, White, Metal, Crank
Shafts and Shafting, Donkey Pumps,
Horizontal Pump, Brass Deck Pump,
Thomson's Weighing Machines (15 tons),
Screw Jacks, Sets, Taps and Dies, No. 1
Garthie Pig Iron, Coke, Vacuum Gauges,
Organ Whistles, Lubricators, Grease Cocks,
Test Cocks, Check Valves, Combined Stop
and Check Valves, Hancock's Inspirator,
Single and Double Belling, &c., &c., &c.

TO BE SOLD ON ACCOUNT OF
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
The following
MACHINERY, &c.:—

16 H.P. Portable Boiler with enlarged fire back
for burning wood or fuel, and one 4 H.P.
Engine complete upon same, 18" feet of 2"
bright shafting with hangers.
17 Patent Fibre Cleaning Machines, with pumps,
piping, foot valves, and strainers complete,
to be driven by hand or steam-power.
16 Metal Knives with bolts and nuts to each.
12 Pairs of Pedestal Brasses bored and fitted.
1 Pairs of Crank Shaft Brasses, large end,
eccentric straps for slide valves, pump,
piston rings, set of furnace bars, 12 rings
length of section bars, and 3 boiler tubes
and ferrules.
100 feet of Belling for driving machine.
2 Screw Jacks and Wrenches.
A sundry lot of Tools.
1 Rotary Pump to supply 400 gallons per hour
with 30 feet of piping, foot valve, and
strainer for same.
1 Rotary Pump to supply 800 gallons per hour
with 30 feet of piping, foot valve, and
strainer for same.
14 Pumps with 30 feet each of piping, foot valve,
and strainer for same complete.
14 Sets of hand power for driving fibre machines.
1 Balling Press with box and doors complete.
2 30" under driven Centrifugals without steam
jet apparatus, but complete with belt and
counter gear.
2 Spare sets of Brasses for above, viz:—
Conical neck brasses and bottom bushes,
1 Set of 1 ton Pulley Blocks with chain to lift
10 tons.
1 Set of 10 cwt. Pulley Blocks with chain to
lift 10 tons.
2 Bogie Carriages complete with rails, &c., to
travel in two directions about 16" by 8" S.C.
6 Chain Slings each with hook and ring (about
4 feet long).
6 Sets of crane lifting Chains (about 3 feet 6 in.
long).
6 Wrought iron galvanized Pans, sides 6-10ths"
thick, bottom hemispherical, 1" thick, with
6 galvanized crates with vertical rods, com-
plete.
2 Sets of Furnace Fittings, viz: front door-bars
and bearer dampers and fire doors.
2 Extra sets of Furnace Bars and 3 middle
bearers on strong galvanized iron chimney
20" long by 15" diam. complete, with
stays.

TO BE SOLD BY ORDER OF THE
OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE,
1 3d and 11 DISINTEGRATOR or COM-
BINED CRUSHING and GRINDING
MACHINE, with Pulleys and Counter
Shafting Complete, also a quantity of
GROUND SANDALWOOD.

Catalogues will be issued.
TERMS OF SALE.—All Lots with all faults and
errors of any description at purchaser's risk on
fall of hammer.
TERMS.—Cash on delivery.
GORDON & Co.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 7th September, 1891. [1202]

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Hongkong, 6th April, 1891. [118]

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W. POWELL & CO.
Hongkong, 12th September, 1891. [6]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO.
THE Company's Steamship

"THALES."
Captain Hunter, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 19th inst., at
daylight, instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 17th September, 1891. [1228]

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI
AND KOBE.
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"ANCONA."
Captain W. D. Mole, will leave for the above
places TO-MORROW, the 19th inst., at
Daylight.
E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 8th September, 1891. [113]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship
"LIGHTNING."
Captain G. B. Pellet, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 19th inst., at
4 p.m., instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSON & SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th September, 1891. [1239]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship
"NINGPO."
Captain K. Kohler, will be despatched for the
above Port TO-MORROW, the 19th inst., at
4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th September, 1891. [1230]

DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship

"NAMO."
Captain Goddard, will be despatched for the
above Ports on SUNDAY, the 20th inst., at
Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED,
DISPENSING CHEMISTS, &c.
CHEMISTS & AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.

LONDON, HONGKONG AND AMOY.

OUR WATERS are sent out in bottles of a distinctive AMBER COLOUR, bearing our proprietary name on bottle, label and cork.

The SODA WATER is always sent out in the largest sized bottles made.

The WOODEN CAPSULES over the corks correspond to the colour of the label, so that if a label is detached, in ice box, or otherwise, the contents can be distinguished without opening the bottle.

SYPHONS—White or Aurine—with name engraved on glass and metal.

No. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

VEGETABLE

AND

FLOWER

SEEDS.

SEASON 1891-92.

PER S.S. "SHANGHAI."

WE have received our second supplies of **FRESH GARDEN SEEDS,**

and we are now executing all orders for the same. Complete Catalogues with concise directions for sowing can be obtained on application, or will be posted to any address. In these Catalogues the seeds are marginally numbered in English and Chinese, and when ordering it is quite sufficient to state the numbers of the kinds required.

DISCOUNTS.

Orders from one person, of from \$5 to \$10, all-wed 25 % discount.
Orders from one person, over \$10 allowed an extra 5 % discount.

CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high class fertilizer for pot plants and for use in the garden generally: it supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10 lb each.....\$1.50.

"Bags" 25 lb 4.00.

Directions for use are given on the label.

RANDOM'S "NEW PARIS"

LAWN MOWERS.

The best and cheapest machines in the market for sale at manufacturers' prices.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
Hongkong, 17th September, 1891.

BIRTH.

At 3, Magnolia Villa, Shanghai, on the 15th September, the wife of JOHN FERGUSON, marine engineer, of twin sons, prematurely.

DEATH.

At Shanghai, on the 15th September, COLIN PONSLOW, the dearly-loved son of Octavia Mary and Geo. Butler, aged four years.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1891.

"THE IMURIS MINES."

NOTWITHSTANDING the glittering cablegrams said to have been received by the local Agents of the Imuris Mines, Ltd., from Messrs. JAMES WHITALL & Co., London, the Company's scrip in the Hongkong Share Market doesn't boom worth a cent. What's the matter? If all these tons of silver and other precious metals which are said to be lying on the surface of the mines—and now that the long expected railway has become, or is said to have become, *un fait accompli* all this wealth ought to be immediately available for princely dividends—are not a myth, or the extraordinary hallucination of somebody's disordered imagination, the market value of Imuris shares should be the present quotation multiplied by about fifty. Surely there must be a screw loose somewhere? It cannot be that

local investors and operators have lost faith in the prescience and infallibility of "the princely house"! It is almost beyond belief that anybody could venture to even question the authenticity of the grand news regarding the Imuris Mines alleged to have been received here recently by telegram and so fussily advertised! No doubt there are unbelieving sceptics in Hongkong who "wink the other eye" when "the Imuris Mines" are mentioned, and make hazy references in a sarcastic tone of voice to the Luzon Sugar Refinery and the Indo-China S. N. Co. as substantial evidences of JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.'s bona fide and glorious success as promoters of public companies. It is also pointed out by other unbelievers that a certain San Francisco newspaper openly expressed the belief that the actual existence of the Imuris Mines, at all events as a legitimate mining industry, was not altogether beyond dispute; and in this connection we are bound to say that the directors or promoters of the concern have so far failed to take the necessary steps to emphatically disprove the *Chronicle's* very plain insinuation. Perhaps they didn't think anything beyond a mere denial necessary, satisfied that practical results would be most satisfactorily demonstrated by a large and constant out-turn of paying ores! If this be so they have acted discreetly; and a golden harvest may be in store for the trusting shareholders at no far distant date. 'Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished, as we have good reasons for believing that out of a total of one hundred and seventy-five thousand shares, no fewer than one hundred thousand are owned in Hongkong and Shanghai.

It is undoubted that a very great deal of more or less reckless gambling has been indulged in with this particular scrip, and shares of the par value of one pound sterling are reported to have been bought and sold in thousands at as high a figure as sixteen dollars per share. Considering the actual position of affairs at the mines, that nothing has yet been realised in the shape of paying gold or silver or any other metal, and that a great deal of the information published regarding the enterprise must be taken on trust and viewed with at least some suspicion, it is quite evident that a large proportion of the speculation that has taken place must have been in some way or other inspired, and that the game of "diamond cut diamond" has been vigorously played by two opposing factions. The scrip was "boomed" up to \$16 by a powerful combination of "bulls"; it is now, at half that figure, owing it is said to a masterly strategic movement directed by the genius of our local NAPOLION of the Share Market; and our advice both local and from Shanghai would seem to indicate that, in consequence of this battle of the giants, the settlements in this stock for the next three months, especially amongst small operators, are likely to lead to most serious complications. We consider that a very great deal more information, properly authenticated, regarding these Imuris mines, their exact position financially and otherwise, and their prospects of proving a substantial working concern, should have been forthcoming long ago. Vague telegrams giving the mere results of assays made at the mines are absolutely worthless, and to the uninitiated may prove dangerously misleading. Something more than this will be required before the speculations that have been aroused can be entirely removed, and one must naturally think that the local Agents would long since have recognised the necessity for taking steps in the direction indicated. The history of the Punjom Company should be a warning to investors in Imuris shares. In writing of this Company last month we advised our readers to await fuller information and further developments before taking any additional risks. That was sound advice. A fortnight previously "Moats," the clever author of the weekly "Mammoth" article in *London Truth*, wrote—"By the way, my dear Ben, if any of your friends should hold Imuris Mines, let them get out at once!" Perhaps that was sound advice also! Time will show.

TELEGRAMS.

THE MCKINLEY TARIFF AND BRITISH EXPORTS.

LONDON, September 18th.
The effects of the McKinley tariff in the trade of the United Kingdom had been a decrease in the exports of silks, woollens, linens, iron, steel and cutlery, to the extent of from fifty to sixty per cent.

RAUB.

The following telegram was received in Singapore by the local Secretary of the Raub Australian Syndicate, from Mr. Bibby, Mine Manager at Raub.

RAUB, 2 a.m., September 18th.
Battery starts again to-day.
Raub Hole—Prospects continue exceedingly good. Western Lode.—Total depth of main shaft is 35 feet.

This telegram means, says the *Free Press*, that the drought in Pahang, which has for a long period made river navigation in Pahang impossible and has hindered mining operations, has now come to an end. The water supply in the dam at Raub has increased sufficiently to allow the battery to start, and food supplies and stores will now reach Raub by boat up the Bilat. At date of Mr. Bibby's last letter, written a week ago, the weather at Raub had shown welcome signs of breaking, thick dark clouds hanging all about every afternoon, although only light showers had fallen.

The shaft in the Western Lode referred to in the cablegram which, according to last fortnightly report, had at date been sunk to a depth of 20 feet.

DISASTROUS FLOODS IN SPAIN.
LONDON, September 18th.
Floods have occurred in the province of Toledo; 2,000 persons perished. The survivors are surrounded by floods and dying of starvation.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A MORNING TRAM WITICISM.

"This umbrella of mine is unique, I think." "Ah, bought it, did you?"

Bugles—What in the deuce do you sit all day at the hotel piano for? You can't play a note.

Jugglers—Neither can anyone else while I sit here!

"Does Brown play a good game of whist?" asked Mr. Hicks, "Yes, I suppose he does," said Ethel. "But he plays a stupid sort of game. Never says a word."

WALKING with Browning, in Paris, Carlyle noticed an image of the crucifixion. Glancing towards it, he said, with his deliberate Scotch utterance, "Ah, poor fellow, your part is played out."

Mr. Wise appears to think whipping one of the best of punishments, for to-day he again ordered two lads, Tsz Hia of 15 summers, and Leung Sing of 16 ditto, to receive 50 strokes each with a light rattan on the back for gambling in the street.

OUR Shanghai contemporaries announce that Mr. Mowat, Acting Chief Justice and Consul-General, will leave Shanghai on October 3rd to take up the position of judge in Yokohama, relieving Mr. N. J. Hannen, who comes to the Model Settlement.

RUMOURS are said to have been current at Wuhu last week that an attempt would be made to set fire to the Custom House and the remaining mission premises. So far, a false alarm; but those concerned will be wise "to keep their powder dry."

The Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Barrack Square tomorrow, commencing at 7.30 p.m.:—
March "The Bonnie Men".....Kappay.
Lancers "The Old Guard".....Graham.
Value "The Star and Banner".....Graham.
Polka "The Star and Banner".....Graham.
Quadrille "The Star and Banner".....Graham.
The "Star and Banner".....Graham.

THE firm-arms and ammunition shipped from here the other day for the North by the steamer *Chi Yuen*, were seized by the officers of the Imperial Chinese Customs on the vessel's arrival at Shanghai last Saturday. It is to be hoped that the foreign recruits "per Amoy" will meet a similar fate.

We learn that quite a number of old Hongkong identities are soon to return to the East, and amongst them are Messrs. A. F. MacEwen, C. D. Bottomley, W. G. Brodie, and C. P. Chater. These are to leave London early next month. It is presumed, will sail in the same steamer as Sir William Robinson and Mr. F. Fleming.

MARRIAGE (according to Addison) enlarges the scene of our happiness and miseries. A scene of love is pleasant, a marriage of interest, easy, and a marriage where both meet pleasures of friendship, all the enjoyments of sense and reason, and, indeed, all the sweets of life.

If China is wise, says the San Francisco *Chronicle*, she will not remain so obstinate as to provoke a naval demonstration, for the result would be costly. For every dollar the European Powers spent on such a display they would exact a hundred from China. It would simply be a repetition of England's demonstration at Alexandria.

CAPTAIN COLONNA of the steamship *Namichow*, was convicted in Singapore on the 10th inst. of having made false entries in the vessel's log book, and of the deaths that had occurred on board during the trip from Swatow to Singapore. Chief Justice O'Malley passed sentence of six months' imprisonment with hard labour. A report of his "honour's" judgment is published in another part of this issue.

It is stated that the cargo of the brig *Sao Swallow* has reached no damage, through the vessel being damaged in the recent typhoon. It is a Sunderland-built ship of oak wood. The Shanghai *Mercury* says the masts were cut off about six or seven feet above deck (a few feet above the life rail) and was accomplished in such a seamless manner that the resolution being once taken, the wreckage was clear of the ship within about half an hour afterwards.

A MACAO correspondent writes under today's date:—"His Excellency Major-General Barker with a party of friends came over to Macao yesterday in the *Panama*. They left Hongkong at 11 a.m. and made the return journey at 6 p.m., and must have had a rough passage both ways. It is not known here for what purpose the Acting Governor of Hongkong came to Macao. Perhaps it was with a view of purchasing the 'gem of the Orient east,' or of finding out what part of the play the Portuguese gambler *Dia* is acting for the protection of the lives of the numerous Portuguese subjects in North China. The *Dia* is still snugly moored in the inner harbour of Macao."

SAYS EDITOR:—"It is my intention to have ready for the World's Fair such a happy combination of photography and electricity as will enable a man to sit in his own parlour and behold, depicted upon a curtain before him, the forms of the players in an opera upon a distant stage and to hear the voices of the singers. When the system is perfected, each little muscle in the singer's face, every glance of the eye, and each expression will be seen as clearly as every colour in the performance, too, will be exactly reproduced."

N. B.—Edison also guarantees that he has 'process of development' means by which honest men can be detected from rogues. What a heaven-born genius this glorious American is, to be sure!

The Hankow correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* writes under date September 18th:—"When, at 7 p.m., yesterday, a fire broke out at the upper end of Wuchang, we all thought the threatened uprising had begun. The gambasts, which had been under steam all day, got ready; but the fire turned out to be an ordinary one. The tension still continues. The missionaries have been called in to the concession from Wuchang, and from the upper end of Hankow. The French vessel *Adèle* has lowered her foretopmast, and mounted a quick-firing gun, while the men on board look on and business-like. The British Consul and the Captain called on the Viceroy to-day. It is believed they assured him that in the event of any attack being made on the foreign property in Wuchang they would immediately reply with an attack on Imperial property—his own *gambasts* and the like. If they succeeded in convincing his Excellency that they really meant business, I make bold to predict that they will be a rising. H.M.S. *Seydlitz* has returned. She found the water too deep at Sunday Island to get further."

The best time to think is before you act.
MR. RONALD SMEDLEY the elocutionist is at present performing in Singapore.

At an Imperial audience in Peking the other day one of the Censors was rather late in turning up. A line of one year's salary was imposed.

LITTLE BOY (in the aviary)—Pa, is that parrot there the wife of the other parrot? Little boy's father (sighs)—Yes, my son. Don't you see how much larger her bill is?

SIX boarding-house runners were up before Mr. Wise to-day charged with, having boarded the steamer *Talman* while that vessel was under way. The charge was admitted, and the defendants were each fined \$5.

A REGULAR Convocation of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 218, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., at 8 for 8.30 a.m., precisely. Visiting companions are cordially invited.

A SPECIAL telegram from Hankow to the *Shanghai Mercury*, dated the 17th September, reads:—"The steamer *Ellis* has been chartered here on behalf of the British Government to proceed to Ichang, taking and men arms from H.B.M.S. *Archer*."

MR. G. A. GLENPATRICK, the late Manager of the Mercantile Marine Officers' Association in Shanghai was, on his retiring from that position, presented on Sept. 10th, with a handsome silver mug by some of the members of the Association as a token of their appreciation of his services.

OUR Shanghai morning contemporary of the 14th inst. says:—"An old Chinese hand has passed away in the person of Mr. James Grimmer, news of whose death at home has just been received. Mr. Grimmer came to China in 1854, and was at Shanghai during the stirring times of the Taiping rebellion."

AN Australian paper gravely informs its readers that a certain Chinese druggist advertises "pills that will change gills into fine healthy boys." Now if these wonderful pills would be equally efficacious in changing monkeys into men, what a mission their inventor has before him if he will only come to practice in Hongkong.

CHRISTMAS is coming, and so is Woodcock's Circus, and the latter expects to win by two months. The troupe is doing a fine business in Manila and the management is of the opinion that all the silver in the Philippines will be in its coffers in about five weeks. The troupe then pays Hongkong a visit, and will play here for a season.

THUS the Shanghai *Mercury*:—"Every foreigner in China will admit the courage of one of the French sisters at Ichang, who, when the nuns were escaping to the river side, seized a bamboo from the hands of one of the ruffians in the crowd, and with it cleared a passage for herself and the other sisters, the cowardly scoundrels clearing away like corn from the rude weapon wielded by a plucky girl."

THERE is in Singapore at the present time a gentleman who claims the name of "Sequah" and who through the medium of half-faithful advertisements invites the lame, the halt and the blind to come to him to be saved. He dispenses his magic medicines from a gilded carriage and is credited by the local Press with having effected some really wonderful cures, notably a case of rheumatism. The patient had in this instance been unable to use his arm for two years, but "Sequah" did the old miracle business just as effectively as any reported in Biblical lore. It is to be hoped that "Sequah" will not fall to pay Hongkong a visit, for there are many crooked beings here who could well stand being straightened. But if this modern magician is not the celebrated Indian medicine doctor whom we once met in an Australian town we are much mistaken—their methods are identical, anyhow.

In the Supreme Court this morning, before Chief Justice Sir James Russell and a jury, John Jacobson, lately a barman of the Rose, Shamrock and Thistle Hotel, was indicted for having on the 23rd ult. caused the death of C. Hill, late a private in the A. & S. Highlanders. The Acting Attorney General prosecuted, and Mr. Robinson, instructed by Mr. Wilkinson, defended. The prisoner pleaded not guilty. From the evidence of the prosecution it appears that on the evening of the 23rd the deceased went to a comrade in the same regiment went to the Hotel to have a drink, and while there English and German sailors arrived, and the latter commenced singing. The songs not being appreciated by the English crew, the Germans were turned out and during the struggle the prisoner struck the deceased. He was taken inside the tavern and placed on a form and was afterwards sent to the barracks and in the evening of the 24th he died between 2 and 3 o'clock on the following morning. The jury acquitted the prisoner by a majority of 5 to 2.

THE Rev. G. Cockburn, of the Church of Scotland Mission, writes as follows regarding the late outrages at Ichang:—"Permit me to correct a statement which has gained currency that the Church of Scotland Mission premises within the walls of Ichang are 'Chinese houses.' There are no 'Chinese' buildings at all resembling them in the Eighteen Provinces, and they owe their preservation solely to the friendly feeling existing between us and our native neighbours, who turned out in a mass a few days prior to the riot on the 2nd and 3rd September, and promptly suppressed a disturbance got up by a military officer. It is hardly right to speak of the Ichang 'riot' as there was no popular excitement until the houses were in flames. It was a cold-blooded outrage which was perpetrated in the presence of the civil and military authorities, and the Chinese were on the spot with his soldiers and made no attempt to put it down. It is high time that an enquiry was set on foot and the sworn evidence of Europeans taken. The result would show that Chinese officials are implicated in the affair, that China cannot control her own soldiers, and can give Foreign Powers no guarantee of future safety at the ports, which is of the slightest value."

BURDETTE gives the following reasons for favouring women suffrage:—"Because I am. Because a woman has more good, hard, common sense than a man. Because she doesn't give \$1.50 for an article that she knows very well she can get for 75 cents. Because she doesn't stalk loftily away from the counter without her change, if the robber behind it is a little reluctant about counting it out. Because she is too independent to pay the landlord \$2.00 for her dinner, and then pay the waiter \$1 to send her a waiter who will bring it to her for 50 cents. Because one day a Pallman porter complained to me, 'No money on this trip, boss! too many women on board. Don't never get nothing out a woman 'cept her regular fare.' I had just paid him 25 cents for blackening one of my boots, and losing the other, and when he said that, when I saw for myself the heroic firmness of the salaries of the employees of a rich corporation, I said, 'These women have a right to vote.' To vote! By all that is brave and self-reliant and sensible, they have a right to run Governments. They couldn't do it worse than the official men in the Hongkong Legislative Council, anyway."

H.M.S. *Exeter*, of unsavory muttony renown, is now lying at anchor at New Harbour, Singapore.

JURYMEN who have been summoned to attend the Quarter Sessions are reminded that they are required to put in an appearance at the Supreme Court at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

A MAN who is a poor liar finds it convenient to stick to the truth.—The probable accounts for the many triumphs of truth that we have witnessed in this Colony.

"Ach! I schbeague English not vell, not vell at all! Pot, put a leadie brace, I imbrove ver kwick. Valt hill I hat talk to you for a gopple of hours, apout how that Jockey Klup most gallop and den you shall see!"

Two of our gallant defenders of the old Highlands, James Renholds, an Irishman, and James Cullen, an Englishman, (I) were sent into durance vile for 10 days by Mr. Wise this morning for conducting themselves in a riotous and disorderly manner, and for damaging a jinricksha by hauling it down Ship Street.

OUR genial friend "Tommy" Hudson, and his Surprise Party have left Melbourne for Calcutta, and will commence work at the Theatre Royal there on October 7th. After his Indian campaign, it is Mr. Hudson's intention to once more revisit the scenes of his former artistic triumphs in the Far East.

THE Shanghai *Mercury* learns that Viceroy Chang Chih-tung has issued a proclamation to the students in Wuchang who are up for the examination:—"Enjoining good conduct on them during their short stay in the provincial capital. If they go over to Hankow the Viceroy orders them to treat foreigners with the utmost respect; and he also advises foreigners to keep away from Wuchang until the present excitement is over."

THE last official report from Acheen up to the 6th ult. says that during that period the fortifications were fired on by the Achinese as usual. On the 10th a corporal of a patrol was wounded, and on the same day a Japanese woman in the midday train was hit. On the 8th a number of chiefs came with the controller of Edle to pay their respects to the Governor. The fort at Selang of Edle was sacked and burnt by the enemy. The Kampong people, however, drove them off with the loss of six killed and eight wounded. The average daily number of cases of sickness was 29 against 24, and bed-bed 13 against 11.4 in the previous term. Cases of bed-bed are therefore more numerous and the death rate is higher.

We regret to learn that a telegram has been received here from London announcing the death there, on Wednesday last, of Captain Robert Talbot, for many years associated with the fortunes of the China and Manila Steamship Co., Limited. Captain Talbot was well known at Amoy and Manila, as well as in Hongkong, and had considerable interests in many of our local enterprises. After severing his connection with the China and Manila Co. (he was at the time in command of the *Zephyr*), which vessel he brought out from home, Capt. Talbot commanded the *Nansing*, which traded between this port and Manila under licence, Matheson & Co.'s flag, until failing health compelled him to take a trip home. He left here about four months ago, and it was not expected by those acquainted with the serious character of the disease from which he suffered, that he would ever return. Captain Talbot would be a little over forty years of age.

Says the Ichang correspondent of the Shanghai *Mercury* under date the 9th inst.:—"When the *Talman* left here yesterday all was quiet, but the soldiers were still guarding the Bund and some of the foreign-owned property. The foreign community, that is all that is left of them, namely—Mr. Brown, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire; Mr. Eversard, H.B.M.'s Consul; and the Customs staff, are anxiously looking out for the arrival of the *Swift*, but as usual British men-of-war are conspicuous by their absence at the scene of trouble. Of course, it may be impossible for a gun-boat to come up here, but in that case we can't charter the *Kungwa*, *Pohuk*, or *Talman* to bring up a lieutenant with 20 or 30 men and a couple of quick-firing guns to teach the Chinese a lesson? I feel sure you have all the news of the riot long ere this, so I will refrain from repeating the story, but I enclose a rough plan of Ichang, showing the route taken by the mob from the campment to protect us, had the officials been willing to do so. In referring to the plan you will bear in mind that the mob first fired the American Mission and then worked down river."

SOMEBODY has evidently been treading on the editorial corn of our esteemed contemporary at the top of Wyndham Street. In this morning's issue the *Daily Press* says:—"Judging from financial minutes and estimates, the *Press*, in theory, was purchased and is kept in order at a considerable outlay of public money for the purpose of a tender during the building of the Gap Rock Lighthouse; in practice she appears to be a pleasure boat for picnic parties given by Government officials." This paragraph, evidently written by some Government insider who was not invited to this particular picnic party, is meant to be severely critical. But it isn't. It is only childish, petty, and contemptible. The Acting Governor (Major-General Digby Barker) went across to Macao in the Hongkong Government steamer *Exeter* yesterday, and it appears that he actually had the audacity to invite some of his friends to accompany him. We don't know what may have been, but his Excellency's special mission to the Holy City, and we don't stop to inquire, but we do know that the galoot who, without the slightest cause or occasion, has tried to make himself so officiously offensive in the columns of our chosen contemporary is a very fit and proper personage of his class. We don't classify him; we couldn't if we tried to, and we wouldn't if we could. The Foreign Powers no guarantee of future safety at the ports, which is of the slightest value."

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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)
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The matter was at once brought before the notice of the British Consul, and the native authorities were instantly put on their guard. Immediate orders were issued to the various camps and barracks, and guards of soldiers were attached to the various Missions. A visit was paid by the Consul and the Captain of the *Exeter* to the scene of the riot, and all precautions taken and arrangements made for readiness in case of disturbance. The day occupied by the grand procession to the examination hall passed over quite quietly. At night a fire took place outside the city beyond the Viceroy's *yamen* in the extreme south. Instantly the electric search-light from one of the men-of-war was flashed over the whole place. The writer lives in the southern half of the city, cut off by the Snake Hill from sight of the other half, and of course, in the past we have repeatedly seen the search-light flashing over the other side of the hill, but last night was the first time our region has been illuminated. The moral effect of that electric light is most valuable. It is a sort of putting into dramatic form "The eye of Europe is upon you," which is cheering to stray scraps of Europe stranded amidst unsympathetic Asia. Whether the dramatised eye of Europe will be as potent as the Gorgon's and turn the activities of evil men to stone remains to be seen.

I have been able to test the signs of the streets twice in the last twelve hours. An ominous silence led me a long way at midnight; the same dead streets, the same wretchedly sleepy wardens turning patiently out of their kennels to unbar the street gates, just the same as usual; even, I find this morning, the same thieves as usual trying to break into my neighbour's house and falling in the attempt. This morning I walked the main streets from end to end, and save for finding them densely crowded owing to the examinations, I noticed no signs of anything out of the ordinary. But there is an unpleasant feeling in the air, the natives of the place certainly know nothing, and are evidently worried at the worst which tells against business. There is even a certain agitation in a suspense which leads to no result; the very absence of finally which is our good fortune has its disadvantages. Ichang has but added one lesson to many others, how completely we are at the mercy of any one who chooses to lose a baby or determines to die on our doorstep. None the less Wuchang itself is likely to remain untouched. One is puzzled even now whether these recent alarms may not be the mischievous delight of some such joker to distract the foreigners by suggestions of possible damage. The worst of it is that in China you can never tell till after the event. Meanwhile, 'not being able to tell' grows monotonous.

There is much said about vigorous telegrams received here on Monday from the Taung Yamen, and there is no doubt that Viceroy Chang Chih-tung is highly enraged at Ichang thus stepping in to keep up the trouble of Wuchang. As to the future—there are ominous whispers here of the temper in which the numerous officials of Hunan, living here have received the suggestion of the opening of their province to trade. But if the Imperial Government be kept up to its duty by the Western Powers; whippers and murrums won't finally stop the march of events. One thing is now absolutely essential; any demands must be pushed right through. There must be no half measures if China is to be bearable for the future. —N. C. Daily News.

BOMBAY, August 30th.
The Parsi cricket team have again proved themselves the champions of Western India.

August 31st.
Lieutenant Vargies, who recently rode across India, is among the passengers by the Austrian Lloyd's steamer to-morrow for Trieste.

September 1st.
At a meeting of the Rajah's Tower Tragedy Committee, it was unanimously resolved to offer a reward of Rs. 20,000 for evidence leading to the conviction of the guilty persons, and that a public memorial be forwarded to the Secretary of State for India on the subject. The meeting was further of opinion that the House of Commons should also be moved to consider the matter. This question, however, was reserved for consideration at another meeting.

PARIS, September 1st.
The French army manoeuvres on the German frontier, which will be of unequalled importance, begin on Thursday next. One hundred and twenty thousand troops under the greatest generals of France will take part in the manoeuvres.

ALLAHABAD, September 1st.
The monument to be erected by the Government at Manipal over the graves of Mr. Quinton and his companions is likely to be of a simple character. A tablet to their memory will also be placed in the Calcutta Cathedral.

It is expected the succession to the Rajahship of Manipal will be settled within the next fortnight, inquiries having been instituted as to the eligible members of the collateral branches of the former ruling family. These are quite numerous enough to give the Government a liberal choice.

BOMBAY, September 2nd.
A number of long term convicts who were concerned in the 1857 rebellion, which being brought from Ahmedabad to Bombay, attacked the escort at midnight on Monday and succeeded in killing one, and escaping with the rifles and ammunition of the police. Two only of the party were detained. Detachments of mounted police have been sent in search of convicts.

It appears that twelve convicts were under an escort for Bombay, when the police were overpowered in the railway train. The hour was 6.30 in the evening, and not midnight as previously reported. Two policemen were injured, but not fatally, the man who lost his life being a convict.

Two of the men have been recaptured, five are still at large with rifles and ten rounds of ammunition.

One story says two of the prisoners were quarrelling, when one stooping down seized the bayonet of one of the escort and struck his opponent on the head. This was the signal for a general movement. Shackles were speedily loosened and a rush was made for the windows. Hopes are entertained of the recapture of all the men, but it is expected they will make use of their arms in resisting.

AT AHMEDABAD, September 2nd.
The Government of India is likely to have shortly under consideration the establishment of an efficient Statistical Bureau by the combination of the agency now employed in the Financial and Revenue and the Agricultural Departments, the main object being to utilize more fully the returns prepared by the latter Department.

September 3rd.
It is believed to be intended to build a railway from Peshawar to Michar during the ensuing cold weather. This is the first step towards a Kabul river railway.

CONSTANTINOPLE, September 3rd.
The Sultan has summarily dismissed the Grand Vizier, and six other ministers, but no reasons have been given for this step. At a sitting of the Oriental Congress yesterday Mr. Fauchet read a paper on the prehistoric remains discovered in Beldary, in which it was said that these remains were clearly precedent to the Hindoo era.

The Congress has appointed a small Commission to further examine the discoveries in all their bearings.

The report of the opening of the Dardanelles to Russian war vessels proves to have been overdrawn. The Porte has only permitted the passage of vessels belonging to the Russian Volunteer Fleet which are conveying convicts and time-expired soldiers. The existing treaties will be maintained.

VIENNA, September 3rd.
General Caprivi and Count Kalnoky are not expected to attend the manoeuvres on the Austrian Army.

A lengthy conference has taken place between the two statesmen.

NEW YORK, September 3rd.
Advices from Chili state that ex-President Balmaceda is crossing the Andes. The report that he was shot by a muleteer is not confirmed.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHIP MASTERS.

The following is the judgment delivered by Chief Justice O'Malley in the Supreme Court at Singapore on the 10th inst. in the important *Namchow* case. It will be remembered that Captain Colonna was prosecuted on a charge of having made false entries in the ship's log, as to the number, and cause of deaths that occurred on board whilst on a voyage from Swatow to Singapore early in July last.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the Chief Justice, addressing the prisoner, said he had been found guilty by the jury. Having committed a breach of the *Merchant Shipping Ordinance*. He could quite understand that the verdict of the jury was upon the second issue left to them, that the prisoner, knowing what he was doing, omitted to state in the log the deaths of those passengers, putting down only three when, as a matter of fact, there were nine or ten. He (the Judge) had made enquiries and understood that a conviction would not affect the prisoner's certificate. No doubt he had suffered a severe punishment in losing his ship, and "I am well willing, and anxious," continued his Honour, "to take into consideration every circumstance in your favour, but I have to recollect on the other hand, what this provision of the law is, and how necessary it is to impress upon persons of your class the duty and responsibility of observing the law with every possible strictness. It is not for you or other masters of ships coming before their duty to the public. I think that masters often have a temptation to do so, and I think it very likely in this case you had a strong temptation to do so, but it makes it all the more necessary, when this Court has to deal with matters of this kind, it should take care that masters should understand that their duty to the public is paramount and that it will be enforced by the law. You might have introduced an epidemic of cholera into the colony—it was one of the consequences of your act fairly within your contemplation when you determined to suppress the facts of these deaths, and I cannot help thinking that you had it in your mind that if you mentioned that two men died vomiting and purging, your ship would be put into quarantine. For your own sake I should be glad to make the sentence as light as I can, but it is my duty to take advantage of such an opportunity as this—and I am bound to take advantage of it—to impress upon the

masters of ships and those concerned in them, that an infringement of this law is a grave offence. You must understand, and so must every master of a ship, that the official log is for the protection of everybody. Without a strict observance of the requirements of the law with regard to official logs, you are left in the position of absolutely unfeeling responsibility. I must consider all these matters and the least sentence I can pass upon you is that you are imprisoned and kept to hard labour for six months."

HIS TERRIBLE REVENGE.

INSTEAD OF ACCEPTING HER AS A SISTER, HE BECOMES HER STEP-FATHER.

CHAPTER I.
"Hail you refuse me, do you, Miss Hamtagg?" The man who asked the question had passed the first flush of youth. He had not reached the age at which it seemed expedient for him to part his hair just above his ear and plaster a thin layer thereof over the top of his head. He had thrown aside the walking-stick of young manhood, but had not assumed the cane of middle age. It was well to speak of these facts, for they are necessary to the full understanding of this painful story. Moreover, they cost nothing extra.

"I do, Mr. McStabb," said the young lady, coldly.

"Then listen to me, Rachel Flickery Hamtagg," he hissed. "I vow you shall bitterly repent it!"

CHAPTER II.
Wild whistled across the black wind, dlanally moaned the huge elm that rasped and scratched itself against the cruel edges of the tiles, shrilly shrieked the weathercock on the barn-roof for a drop of oil, and grumously groaned Algernon Fitz-Thompson McStabb as he stole forth in the dead of night, made his way cautiously by a circuitous route to the ancestral wash-house in the back yard and went inside.

"I'll show her!" he muttered between his teeth. From beneath his coat he drew a compact bundle of letters, cut the string that bound them together, struck a match, made a bonfire of the collection, and watched them slowly consume to ashes, while the crasy building shook as if with indignation, and the wind sighed hoarsely, like one in sympathy with the wretched but wrathful man. He was burning the letters he had written in happier days to Rachel Hamtagg. She had returned them to him scornfully.

CHAPTER III.
This is so sudden," said the widow, blushing. "and so unexpected. I—I thought your visit to our house were for the purpose of seeing my daughter?"

"She is too young," replied the visitor, decidedly. "I told her so last evening. We parted in a friendly spirit, but I gave her to understand, as delicately as I could, that I should not call to see her any more. This is sudden, it is true, but I trust none the less agreeable on that account. May I not venture to hope?"

"Well, really—"

"And now, my dear," he said, at the expiration of a happy half-hour, as he gently lifted her from his shoulder, "I should like to see you—or perhaps I ought to say our—daughter, to tell her of this happy event."

"Shall I call her?"

"If you please, my dear."

CHAPTER IV.
"Rachel," said Algernon Fitz-Thompson McStabb, pleasantly, "you will be glad to know, I dare say, that I am to be your father. That is all we wish to say to her, is it not, my love? You may go, Rachel. Please close the door, my child, as you go out."—*Pearson's Weekly*.

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Investigation shows that many European girls are in Asiatic harems.

It is now asserted that the British general election will take place in November, 1892.

A custom's officer in Holland stopped a costly collection of butterflies, classing the insects dutiable as poultry.

An ingenious American proposes to build an elevator at Mount Blanc which will be able to carry 216 persons at once.

The failure of recruits to come forward for the regular forces and militia actually left £171,000 on the British War Secretary's hands.

Cholera is making serious progress at Moscow. It is not confined to the Abyssinian quarters, but has also attacked Europeans.

The natural history museum at Kensington has received a novel addition to its shelves in the shape of 10,000 spiders.

The Shah of Persia has delegated a dozen noblemen to visit Germany and study the methods employed in the various branches of the Government service.

M. Jules Toutain, of the Ecole Française de Rome, has discovered near Tunis, on a hill called Kouroum, what appears to be a temple of Baal Roman times.

The Russian Government has determined to build a second Russian Church in Paris. An Imperial grant of \$100,000 has been made, and the work will be commenced at the end of this year.

A barrister, a doctor, an ex-captain of the guards, an architect, a professor of languages, a chemist and twelve short-hand writers are among those who have found a refuge in General Booth's "Elevator Homes" in London.

An occurrence most unusual in the annals of European countries has taken place in the duchy of Gohls. On account of the flourishing state of the finances a bill has been introduced suppressing taxation for three months.

There is, says a Roman correspondent, a great deal of mystery about Cicipli, and a London correspondent hears from one of his intimate friends that he recently had a paralytic stroke, and that he has since been unable to recognize even his closest friends.

The King of Belgium has not succeeded in making his Congo investments pay very well, so badly indeed have they turned out that they have well nigh swallowed up his own fortune. If not, also, the vast property that he holds in trust for his sister, the ex-Empress Charlotte of Mexico.

A railway is to be built across England that will enable a passenger to make a direct trip from the Mersey to the shores of the North Sea. It will be about 130 miles in length, and the expense of purchase and construction will be at the rate of about \$200,000 per mile.

Yorkshire miners instead of spending an accumulated fund of \$500,000 in supporting strikes; propose to devote the money to the election expenses and salaries of twenty members of Parliament chosen to represent them as to all legislation affecting their interests.

The people of Calvi, the ancient fortified city on the island of Corsica, which among several other localities, claims to have been the birthplace of Columbus, have undertaken to raise money for the erection of a statue to the discoverer of America in the public square of that city.

It is said that the sudden and entirely unexpected retirement of Captain Shaw from the command of the London Fire Brigade was due to the fussy interference of some of the London County Council officials, who insisted upon ordering his men out for parade or inspection without reference to his wishes or authority.

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MARRIAGE AS A CONSIDERATION.

The Supreme Court of California rendered a decision the other day which will attract much attention. Seven years ago one Alfred H. Cohen became engaged to a Miss Emma Bray. The engaged couple had no means. The father of the girl gave them a house, and the father of the groom bestowed a sum of \$16,000. It was supposed at the time that Bray, the girl's father, was a man of fortune. Shortly afterward it turned out that he was insolvent, and had been insolvent at the time he gave his daughter the house; whereupon one of his creditors attached the house as property with which he had parted without valuable consideration and practically in evasion of his debts. The Superior Court held the gift valid, and the other day the Supreme Court confirmed the decision on the ground that the receiving of a husband for one's daughter was a valid consideration. This seems rather peculiar law.

The object of the law which prohibits assignments of property by an insolvent when no valuable consideration passes, was to prevent a debtor from impairing the security of his creditor. No one has the right, after incurring a debt, to place out of reach the property which gave him credit enough to be able to incur the debt. An insolvent may sell his property or exchange it, but he must get something in exchange which will take its place among his assets. From the moment he is insolvent he becomes, as it were, in the eye of the law holder of his own property in trust for his creditors. That is the principle which governs the laws of all nations in regulating transfers of property by insolvents.

As to the word "consideration" there appears to have been some confusion of thought in the minds of the Supreme Court justices. They say in their decision that "marriage is the highest and most valuable of considerations." It may be a consideration to a father to get his daughter married, or the daughter to get a husband, but it is no consideration at all to a creditor of the father that his debtor has secured a son-in-law. The consideration which the law has in view when it permits an insolvent to part with his property for valuable consideration is a consideration which can take the place of the property disposed of, and be subject to seizure and sale under execution to satisfy the debts of the insolvent. The court can hardly intend to intimate that the creditor in this case could seize the person of the son-in-law and have him sold by the Sheriff. It is difficult, then, to understand how it can hold that Bray's gift of a house did not impair the security of his creditor.—*Call*.

KNOTS AND MILES.

There is, unfortunately, a growing practice of making an improper use of the word knot, not only with landmen, engineers and shipbuilders but also with sailors, who ought to know better. The prevailing idea at present appears to be that the knot is the same thing as the geographical, nautical or sea mile; and the word knot is used to prevent any possible confusion with the statute land mile.

But this usage is quite wrong. The knot is the cosmopolitan unit of speed employed at sea by sailors of all civilized nations; knots in English is *nautica* in French, *nudos* in Spanish, *nodi* in Italian, *knoopen* in Dutch, *knoten* in German, and probably the equivalent word would be *knot* in Russian, and *knot* in Scandinavian.

One knot is a speed of one nautical mile an hour, the nautical mile (French *mille*, Spanish *milla*, &c.) being the mean sexagesimal minute of latitude on the earth's surface; so that it is 60 x 60 = 3,600 miles from the equator to the pole; and this is the only mile the sailor knows and uses.

The nautical mile is a little over 6,080 feet, the Admiralty measured mile (we do not say the Admiralty knot); so that one knot is a speed of a little more than 100 feet a minute, more nearly 101 to 102 feet minute than on a log-line, with a half-minute glass or interval of time, the distance between the knots should be 50 feet or a little over, say 51 feet.

The word knot is derived from the knots on the log-line: the number of knots which pass over the ship's taffrail during the half-minute or other interval of time giving the speed of the ship in knots.

The only occasion, then, in which it is permissible to use the word knot as the equivalent of a length, is in spacing the knots on the log-line; and then, by a familiar tendency in language, the "distance between two knots" is abbreviated in speech to the "length of a knot." All this is explained very carefully and clearly in Sir W. Thomson's "Lecture on Navigation" (Glasgow: Collins, 1876), an excellent little book, now, unfortunately, out of print.

But by a curious perversity and straining after precision, the incorrect expression "knots an hour" to express the speed of a ship, is creeping into general use, with the effect of displacing the word mile by knot; so that now it is quite common to read a steamer's daily run as given in knots, (e.g. *Tenants* daily run 473 knots, 476 knots, &c. total distance 2,806 knots), and the coal endurance of a man-of-war given as say 26,000 knots, and 10 knot speed; thus using the word knot where mile should be used. No real sailor would say that a rock or the land was half a knot, one knot, &c. away.

It is often urged that the expression "knots an hour" is so much clearer and more definite; but we must just as well measure pressure in "atmospheres per square inch," or "feet per second," as we measure speed in "knots." Chief Engineer Isherwood, of the United States Navy, in his reports on speed-trials of vessels, is so anxious there should be no mistake, that he always uses the long expression, "geographical miles an hour" to express speed, when he has the clear simple word knots

to hand all the time; however, he does, at least, avoid the abomination "knots an hour," and the worse still conversion of speed, expressed as 16 knots an hour = 10 statute miles.

Sir W. Thomson (Navigation, p. 45) says that: "The existence of the British statute land mile of 1,760 yards, 1,680 feet, is an evil of not inconsiderable moment to the British nation; and that he never intends to use the unqualified word mile to mean anything else than the geographical nautical mile."

The land mile varies in the most extraordinary manner for different countries, and even for England, Scotland, and Ireland. We inherit our statute mile of 1,760 yards from the Romans: it is their military rule, *mille passus*, a thousand (double) paces, the military pace being 5 feet and a little over, say 5 feet 3 inches; perhaps the foot rule has shrunk a little in the course of ages, due to a continued tendency in commerce (very observable in the so-called pint bottles of wine or beer).

It was well known to our early Elizabethan writers on navigation, such as Norwood, Wright, and others, that 60 to 70 statute miles went to the degree of 60 nautical miles; but writers on geography ignored this fact (perhaps from a temptation to make round numbers), and for a long time afterwards taught that 60 land miles went to the degree.

To summarize, distance at sea is measured in miles, and speed in knot, and the expressions knots an hour for speed, and knots for distance in miles are nautical barbarisms.—*Nautical Magazine*.

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Intimations.

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A REWARD of \$500 will be paid to any person supplying information that will lead to the discovery and identification of a Chinese girl named LI AFAT, who, in or about the month of September, 1888, was resident at St. Francis Street, Wanchai, in the House of JOHN MINHINNETT, an overseer in the Hongkong Public Works Department, under the protection of a Chinese kept woman named WONG AH NGAN.

LI AFAT is about 10 years of age, and according to a declaration made by WONG AH NGAN at the Manutrace, she was returned to her mother about three years ago—presumably to some village in the Kwangtung Province, where it is stated she died a short time afterwards.

On the other hand JOHN MINHINNETT deposed on oath in the Supreme Court that LI AFAT was sold by WONG AH NGAN and that he was present in his own house when the purchase money was paid; and it has since been reported that the girl was taken to Singapore for immoral purposes.

A reward of \$150 will be paid to any person who shall produce reliable evidence, showing that LI AFAT was returned to her mother, in or about September, 1888, and afterwards died as alleged.

Apply to THE EDITOR, The Hongkong Telegraph.

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